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Proposed Amendment and Interview Summary  
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### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Examiner Chankong:

In light of the interview on **8 January 2009**, please find the proposed amendment and an interview summary below.

#### **Identification of Claims and Reference Discussed**

Claim(s) for discussion: Claim 1

Reference(s) for discussion: Reed et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,345,288 hereinafter “Reed”) and Bischoff et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,718,377 hereinafter “Bischoff”)

#### **Applicant's Arguments**

Neither Reed nor Bischoff discloses components that do **not** have a priori knowledge of each other's domain specific **file system domain** or **printer domain** protocols. In contrast, embodiments of the present invention involve components that do **not** have a priori knowledge of each other's domain specific **file system domain** or **printer domain** protocols (instant application, par. [0003]).

**Proposed Amendment:**

1. A system for enabling components to transfer data between each other, the system comprising:

a plurality of components including a first component having a data object that implements a universal data transfer interface; and

a second component capable of receiving the data object and invoking the universal data transfer interface to cause a data transfer session object (DTSO) to be sent to the second component, ~~and capable of providing a viewer object that enables the third component to display transferred data associated with the DTSO's data type,~~ wherein the second component acts as an intermediary component, which facilitates transferring of the DTSO from the first component to a third component;

wherein the components do not have a priori knowledge of each other's domain specific file system domain or printer domain protocols;

wherein the DTSO is capable of being invoked by the third component to transfer data between the first component and the third component;

wherein the DTSO includes instructions to return data types supported by the first component;

wherein the DTSO includes instructions that enable the first component to receive asynchronous event notifications;

wherein the DTSO includes instructions to return device type and operating status of the first component; and

wherein the DTSO includes instructions to enable the first component or the third component to negotiate with each other to select a transfer medium to use to transfer data based upon the type of data.

**Outcome of Interview**

- Examiner pointed out a potential 101 issue with respect to hardware components in claim 1.
- Examiner suggested amending claim 1 to show the hardware component that accomplishes the functionality of the proposed “wherein” amendment.
- Examiner may need to do an additional search in light of these amendments.

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